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SUBJECT: STAFF INCREASE FOR OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

1. ON JUNE 28, 1977 ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND APPROVED DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. ON THAT OCCASION, ADB PRESIDENT INFORMED BOARD THAT COMMENTS ON OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDITOR (OILA) MADE IN BOARD AT TIME OF 1977 BUDGET DISCUSSION HAD BEEN STUDIED AND HE INTENDED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION AFFECTING THAT OFFICE:

A. TO STRENGHTEN FUNCTIONS OF INTERNAL AUDITOR, REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER WOULD BE ISSUED TO CLEARLY DEFINE RIGHT OF ACCESS OF AUDITOR TO ALL DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS AND TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM STAFF AND WOULD PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC REPORTING PROCEDURES:

B. PAPER WOULD BE ISSUED SHORTLY SEEKING BOARD'S APPROVAL FOR AN INCREASE IN STAFF OF INTERNAL AUDITOR; AND C. WHILE IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT SIGNIFICANT FUNCTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS BE SEPARTED SO THAT RESPONSIBILITIES DID NOT BECOME INTER-MIXED AND DILUTED, PRESENT PRACTICE FOR STAFF OF INTERNAL AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE CLERICAL ASSISTANCE, UPON REQUEST, TO EXTERNAL AUDITOR WAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE AND WOULD BE RETAINED. IN PROVIDING CLERICAL ASSISTANCE, PRESIDENT SAID INTERNAL AUDITOR'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT

WAS NOT INVOLVED AND USE OF BANK STAFF FOR THIS PURPOSE WAS CONDUCIVE TO BOTH ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY AND WAS BENEFICIAL TO BANK.

- 2. ADB DOC. R75-77 ON PROPOSED STAFF INCREASE FOR OIA (POUCHED STATE/AID AND TREASURY JUL 28) SETS FORTH ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING OF OIA STAFF INCREASE REQUIRED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITES DRAWN UP AND BUDGETARY IMPACT OF SUCH STAFF INCREASE. IT SEEKS BOARD APPROVALS FOR SPECIFIC IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN ONE PROFESSIONAL (AUDIT OFFICER) AND FOUR SUPPORTING STAFF (ONE STAFF ASSISTANT AND THREE CLERICAL STAFF) OF OIA'S STAFF
- 3. IMMEDIATE INCREASE OF SUCH STAFF, BASED ON THEIR EMPLOYMENT FOR PART OF CURRENT YEAR, IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$37,000 (INCLUDING RELOCATION COSTS FOR NEW PROFESSIONAL STAFF). FROM BUDGETARY VIEWPOINT, WHILE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF OIA'S STAFF NEEDS BOARD APPROVAL, IT IS UNNECESSARY AT THIS STAGE TO SEEK SPECIAL APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HOWEVER, IF AVAILABLE FUNDS PROVE INADEQUATE, BOARD'S APPROVAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET WILL BE SOUGHT, AS NECESSARY.
- 4. ACCORDINGLY, ADB MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDS BOARD APPROVAL OF IMMEDIATE INCREASE OF OIA STAFF BY ONE PROFESSIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FOUR SUPPORTING STAFF. IN ABSENCE OF ANY OBJECTION OR REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON AUGUST 16, RECOMMENDATION WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED. USADB SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSED STRENGHTENING OF THE OIA AND DOES NOT PLAN TO OBJECT. EDMOND

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